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# 2021 STEM Girl Power Camp - Student Applicant Information

The study and practice of science, technology, engineering and mathematics is collectively known as STEM. The camp encourages Year 10 girls to participate in STEM through a range of exciting STEM experiences. Following the camp, the girls are invited to act as a STEM ambassador and inspire other students to participate in STEM as part of the year-long STEM Girl Power Initiative.

The fifth annual STEM Girl Power Camp will be held in Brisbane from 17–21 May 2021. The camp will bring together Year 10 girls from across Queensland who show high achievement in STEM-related subjects at school and an active interest in their school community.

**Steps for applying**

All forms can be downloaded from the [Entrant Portal](https://www.e-awards.com.au/2021/stemgirlpowercamp/newentry/index.php). Once completed all forms and attachments need to be uploaded onto the Entrant Portal to finalise the application.

1. The school is to nominate one female student enrolled in Year 9 in 2020 (Year 10 in 2021) to attend the camp and register the student’s details through the [Entrant Portal.](https://www.e-awards.com.au/2021/stemgirlpowercamp/newentry/index.php)
2. The student will receive an email inviting them to complete their application through the Entrant Portal. ***\*Check your other email folders if not received in the inbox.***
3. The student completes their application by responding to these questions:
	* What interests you about STEM, and what role does STEM play in your life? (maximum 300 words)
	* Outline your involvement in activities beyond normal school attendance (clubs, teams, competitions) and the impact these activities have on your class, school or community. (maximum 300 words)
	* Upload electronic copies of any documents that support your application (for example, award certificate for a competition, name and date of a local event, media or newsletter items featuring your participation in STEM events)
4. Schools are required to provide a statement of support for the student’s application to the STEM Girl Power Camp by describing the student’s engagement and participation in STEM-related activities and personal qualities that will support them to be a STEM ambassador. (maximum 300 words)
5. Schools will also need to provide evidence of the student’s academic achievement (attach a list of the student’s achievement in Year 8 and Semester 1 Year 9 subjects).
6. Upon submission of the completed application, the student and the principal will receive a confirmation email.

A panel of education and STEM professionals will select attendees from regions across Queensland. Selection will be based on assessment of each applicant’s responses.

### Submitting the application:

All applications should be submitted through the [Entrant Portal](https://www.e-awards.com.au/2021/stemgirlpowercamp/newentry/index.php) by ***5.00pm on Wednesday 28 October 2020.***

**Important dates:**

Applications open ***16 September 2020.***

Applications close at ***5.00 pm on Wednesday 28 October 2020.***

Successful applicants will be notified ***by the end of Term 4 2020.***

For further information about the STEM Girl Power Camp please email stem@qed.qld.gov.au or go to the Department’s public STEM [hub](https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/file/5da759ed-285d-4132-b8e8-58198109fb03/1/html/girl-power.html) page:

Please note: the student’s parent or guardian will be asked to complete permission and consent forms for camp activities if the application is successful.

The Department of Education (DoE), through State Schools Division, is collecting your personal information for the purposes of assessing/contacting applicants and for organising and planning the 2021 STEM Girl Power Camp and STEM Girl Power Initiative activities during the year. The information will only be accessed by DoE staff administering the 2021 STEM Girl Power Initiative and in some cases, authorised community and/or Department representatives assisting DoE in the selection of participants. Successful applicants’ information will be disclosed to the STEM Girl Power Initiative organisers, travel providers and external program operators (for example laboratory session managers) for planning and administration of camp organisation and activities or STEM Girl Power Initiative activities during the year. Your information will not be used by, or disclosed to any other person or entity unless we have your consent, or DoE is required or authorised by law to do so.